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U.S. CHARGES 3 ADDITIONAL DEFENDANTS IN CONNECTION WITH HIJACKING OF TRUCKLOAD OF PERFUME

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that a total of seven individuals have now been charged in connection with the September 13, 2006, hijacking in Blauvelt, New York, of a truck containing perfume products.

Specifically, the Superseding Indictment unsealed this morning in federal court in White Plains, New York, charges GERMAN CUADRADO, a/k/a "Geraldo," JORGE FLORES, PLUTARCO ANGULO-AGUIRRE, a/k/a "Matatan," a/k/a "Platano," RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ, a/k/a "Dance," ANGEL DIAZ, a/k/a "Pete," VICTOR DIAZ, a/k/a "Gago," and JUAN CAMACHO with the armed robbery of a truckload of perfume, and with conspiracy to commit that robbery. All defendants except CAMACHO are also charged with kidnapping the truck's drivers and conspiracy to commit kidnapping. RODRIGUEZ and ANGEL DIAZ are charged additionally with brandishing firearms while subduing the truck drivers in connection with the robbery and kidnapping.

CUADRADO, FLORES, ANGULO-AGUIRRE, and RODRIGUEZ were originally charged in this matter in May 2007 and are currently in federal custody. The Superseding Indictment unsealed today adds ANGEL DIAZ, VICTOR DIAZ, and JUAN CAMACHO as defendants. ANGEL DIAZ is currently in state custody; VICTOR DIAZ was arrested on September 15, 2007, at Miami International Airport; and JUAN CAMACHO was arrested today in New Jersey. The defendants will be arraigned on the Superseding Indictment this week, and are currently scheduled to appear before United States District Judge CHARLES L. BRIEANT on September 26, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. for a pretrial conference.

Mr. GARCIA praised the outstanding efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Orangetown Police Department in the

investigation of this case.

Assistant United States Attorney NOLA B. HELLER is in charge of the prosecution.

The charges in the Superseding Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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